

21 April 1954

Mr. Roger W. Jones
Assistant Director of the Bureau of the
Budget for Legislative Reference
Executive Office Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Jones:

Reference is made to your letter of 1 April 1954 requesting the comments of this Agency on a draft bill, submitted to the Bureau of the Budget by the Department of Justice, relating to Protection of Defense Facilities from Sabotage and Espionage.

Section 102(d)(3) of the National Security Act of 1947 states that the Central Intelligence Agency "shall have no police, subpoena, law-enforcement powers, or internal-security functions". In view of this statutory prohibition, we feel it would be inappropriate for this Agency to take a position on specific details of this legislation. However, it should be noted that CIA has many contracts of a highly classified nature with private industry and that the numbers of these contracts will probably increase in time of national emergency. Therefore, it would benefit this Agency to have legislation in effect of the type envisaged in the draft bill, which would remove an employee of a private contractor from work on classified contracts originated by this Agency.

Sincerely yours,

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